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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: BIOPOLYMER BASED ON LACTOCOCCUS  
LACTIS NRRL B-30656, PROCESS FOR  
CULTURING LACTOCOCCUS LACTIS  
NRRL B-30656, AND PROCESS FOR  
PREPARING THE BIOPOLYMER

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Examiner: L. J. Schuberg

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.